

5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the access level is assigned an identifier for reference in determining whether a user can access certain information.

6. The method of Claim 5, wherein the identifier includes an identification code.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the determining step includes a central administrator accepting or rejecting the membership of any new member.

8. The method of Claim 1, wherein the facilitating invitations step includes a central administrator accepting or rejecting the invitation to any new member.

9. The method of Claim 2, wherein the first community information area includes a home page of a member user.

10. The method of Claim 9, wherein the at least one other community information area includes a group information area of groups to which the member user belongs.

11. The method of Claim 10, wherein the at least one other community information area further includes an organizational information area having organizations to which the groups belong.

17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the access identifier includes an identifier code.

18. The method of Claim 12, wherein the registering step includes existing
5 members sending out an invitation to non-registered members.

19. The method of Claim 18, wherein the registering step further includes a central administrator that might accept or reject the invitation to the non-registered member.

20. The method of Claim 12, wherein the personal information area for each member includes a home page.

21. The method of Claim 20, wherein the at least one other community
15 information area includes group information pertaining to those groups to which the
member belongs.

20 22. The method of Claim 21, wherein the at least one other community information area further includes organizational information pertaining to those organizations to which the groups belong.

23. A method of structuring and populating a website having a registration database of registered members and at least two layers of inter-related community information areas, the method comprising:

25 providing a first level of access to a first layer of community information;

providing at least a second level of access to at least a second layer of community information that overlies the first layer;

enabling a registered member to send out invitations to a non-registered member to become a registered member,

5 whereby the first level of access is provided to each registered member, and the at
least second level of access is dependant upon the relationship between the registered
member and the invited non-registered member.

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